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SUBJ: ASSEMBLY SESSION: PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH ON OVERALL
STATE AFFAIRS

1. PM'S SPEECH, DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY FEB 28, BROKE NO
NEW GROUND AND WAS BASICALLY REITERATION OF PREVIOUSLY
ANNOUNCED ROKG POLICIES. DEFENSE: A) BY 1981, BASIC
WEAPONRY WILL BE MASS PRODUCED BY ROK ITSELF; B) BY MID-
1980'S ROK WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE "HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED"
ELECTRONIC WEAPONS AND AIRCRAFT; C) JOINT US/ROK COMMAND STRUCTURE
WILL BE IN PLACE BEFORE END OF 1978; D) SCM COMMUNIQUE
RECONFIRMED PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE US SUPPORT UNDER TERMS
OF MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY. ECONOMICS: A) HEAVY AND
CHEMICAL EXPORTS TO BE INCREASED; B) STABILIZE COMMODITY
PRICES; C) ELIMINATION OF WAGES BELOW 30,000 WON PER MONTH.
FOREIGN RELATIONS: A) EXPANSION OF TIES WITH THIRD WORLD/NON-
ALLIGNED COUNTRIES; B) "OPEN DOOR" TOWARD COMMUNIST
NATIONS; C) CONTINUED EFFORTS AT NORTH/SOUTH KOREA
DIALOGUE; D) AVOID "UNPRODUCTIVE DEBATE" ON KOREAN
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ISSUE IN US; E) HOPE THAT PTS CASE WILL BE SETTLED
SOON. DOMESTIC: A) LISTING OF ROKG PLANS FOR INVEST-
MENT IN SOCIAL SERVICES; B) ROKG AIM FOR "FAIR AND
QUIET" ELECTIONS THIS YEAR.

2. NDP FLOOR LEADER SONG WON-YUNG CALLED SPEECH
"NOMINAL, PERFUNCTORY AND INSINCERE". CHARGED THAT

ON DIPLOMATIC ISSUES ANDPTS CASE, ROKG WAS "CHEATING"
THE ASSEMBLY AND PEOPLE BY NOT DEALING WITH THESE
ISSUES ON DETAILED BASIS. NDP LEADER LEE CHUL-SEUNG
CHARACTERIZED SPEECH AS "PROPAGANDA STATEMENT" OF
RULING DRP. OTHER COMMENTS NOTE SPEECH NOT AS
AMBITIOUS AS PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR STATEMENT; ALSO
LACKING VISION AND CONVICTION.

3. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM DEALING WITH US DEFENSE
COMMITMENT AND CHRONOLOGICAL REVIEW OF COOPERATIVE
STEPS TAKEN TO RESOLVE PTS MATTER, US/ROK RELATIONS
ARE NOT DEALT WITH AT ANY LENGTH IN SPEECH. SPEAKER
TOLD CHARGE THAT SPEECH WENT ON 20 MINUTES LONGER THAN
EXPECTED.
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